STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER

A telephonic interview was conducted on June 26, 2007. The participants were the following: (1) John M. Cooney (Examiner); and (2) Ray Ashburg (Applicant's Attorney). Claims 1-25 were discussed. Examiner indicated that the inventive example 3 and comparative example 4 provided clear and convincing evidence of new or unexpected results when formic acid being present in the amount of approximately 1.5-2, and pentane and/or non-halogenated alkanes being present in the amount in the range of the amount exemplified.

A copy of the summary of the interview with the Examiner is enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the foregoing the following remarks.

An amendment was submitted on July 12, 2007 requiring a blowing agent, i.e., a formic acid, in the amount of 1.5 to 3.5 per 100 parts by weight of said polyol, and a physical blowing agent, i.e. butane, pentane, cyclopentane, hexane, cyclohexane, heptane, and isomers thereof, in the amount of 4 to 10 parts per 100 parts by weight of said polyol.

Additionally, , Declaration of Paolo Golini under Section 1.132 including additional examples 3A, 3B, and 3C was submitted to provide further support for Applicant's argument.

With regard to the Examiner's comments in connection with the remaining examples, the Applicant has amended the instant claims without prejudice, and has reserved the right to file additional divisional applications covering the subject matter covered by those examples.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be overturned and that the instant application be allowed to proceed to issuance.

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